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For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE BY DIVIDING A
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER INTO SEPARATE PIECES OF SEMICONDUCTOR
CHIPS (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as set forth below.

Claims 6-17 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1-5 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.